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Prayer Request - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2003/9/4 18:04

I would ask that you guys keep me in prayer. A major problem at church has arisen because of a word the Lord gave me, and it may result in me leaving... possibly not by my own choice.

Re: Prayer Request - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/9/5 0:10

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I have put a sticky on my computer monitor and will intercede on your behalf as the Lord requires me too. :-D

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That's the bad part, I hope and pray that dif. of opinion can be settled.

Re: Prayer Request - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/9/5 1:21

We are with you brother.
Will pray for discernment, charity and understanding.
Mike

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2003/9/5 6:40

Quote:

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Yes, it was for the entire congregation. The problem of the matter is that I was disobedient and did not speak because I was afraid to. The nature of the word was this (paraphrased):

I have called unto you and you have not taken heed, I long to disclose myself unto you, but you have not come. In order to get your attention I have tossed some of you into a bed of sickness so that I might discipline you to come to me.

Feeling guilty about not speaking as I was told, I told my pastor Wednesday night in private that the Lord had given me a word and I did not give it, and then relayed him the general message of the word (I didn't have the "unction" to speak as I would have on sunday, as I don't right now). My pastor told me the word was not of God, for God doesn't speak like that.

He says prophecy is for edification, exhortation, and comfort (quoting 1 Cor.), and told me it's not for rebuke (last I check

ed though, edification includes rebuke). He told me "these are my sheep and I am this church's shepherd, it is my job to rebuke the sheep, not yours."

The reason I was fearful of giving the word is because a couple days prior, my pastor (who is in his early-to-mid 40's) had come down with shingles after somebody spoke a similar "Come to me" message on the Sunday prior to this. Also, a pregnant woman in our congregation had a seizure and broke her leg. I personally believe my pastor is one of those who has been made sick. He told me "the first part of that message bore witness to my spirit", but strongly was against the second half.

Now I am going to be having a few "talks" and "studies" with my pastor. I'm hoping that we will work these problems out, though, I don't know if we will. I just wonder if the Lord is still going to call on me yet again to deliver this same message this Sunday.

There is more I could add to all this, but, I won't. It's enough for now. Continue to pray, and thanks for your prayers.

Re:, on: 2003/9/5 9:54

Jimmy,

You must obey God rather than man. If you are absolutely positive that what you spoke was from God then you have done well, BUT if it could have come from your own thoughts, or reasonings, then you have not. Either way I can think of a lot worse things than for you to be kicked out of a church that the Pastor wants such total and complete control. Rebuke does not belong to him it belongs to Christ and the Spirit of Christ, and the Spirit will use who He chooses even if it's an ass! (not to imply that you are one! :-)) I think your pastor needs to re-read his Bible. Especially all the prophets new and old. Rebuke is often the way God speaks. I'll be praying!

Kevin

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/9/5 10:49

exhort \ig-ˈzort\ vb : to urge, advise, or warn earnestly —

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Dear PTC,

Thank you for your courage in sharing this. I would be the last person to give counsel on your situation, nor even my opinion means anything, only the Lord can guide you unto wisdom and I will continue to pray and believe that He will.

Having said all that I will share my thoughts.

As you surely are aware there is plenty of scripture to buttress the words that you have stated, 'chastise' comes to mind (chastise \chas-ˈtiz\ vb chastised; chastising 1 : to punish esp. bodily 2 : to censure severely : castigate — chastisement \-ment, "chas-tez-\ n)

I do find it interesting that this word from the Lord that you received finds a place right along my thoughts in the past couple of days as I have been reading The Revelation of Jesus Christ or Revelations for short. This morning I was pondering all the woes that are to come upon this earth and contemplating the idea that maybe we have made God too much into our own image by trying to explain away some of the actions of His ways, in particular that God wouldn't do the very thing that you have stated, "toss some of you onto a bed of sickness so that I might discipline you to come to me." I am not trying to equate the two, the thought I have been chewing on lately is that as creatures I or we may have forgotten just how terrible and awesome God really is, that we have soft pedaled the fear of the Lord, into a sloppy doctrine of 'reverence'.

From personal experience I will emphatically state

that the times I had my attention arrested were when I had the most severe consequences imposed on me. About four years ago though I had 'become' a Christian, I was still struggling with a couple of drug habits, one being 'crank' or 'speed' and one day over lunch I was having a very heated argument with my wife over it, trying to explain away my addiction. I went back to working on the apartments where I live, seething with anger at my wife. Climbed up on a ladder right outside my front door to repair some trim boards, I was working away when all of a sudden the ladder came out from under me, I fell about 6 feet and broke my wrist, had to literally crawl back into the house. Now, did I take that as a 'sign' from the Lord? You bet I did. That was the last time I ever did 'speed', and I had attempted to quit many times before, the withdrawal

wl can be brutal to an addict so you just keep going in a vicious circle. I tend to be very cautious in attributing something like this to God, that He 'caused' this to happen, but at the time I remember vividly that I was sure of it, that He was tryin g to get my attention, and regardless, it worked! Let me put it another way, I sure hope He did.

Another example, I also near that time was also struggling to overcome the other stronghold in my life, pot. I had been s moking the stuff for over 20 years and as I was growing in my walk with the Lord, this inner war was developing inside of my soul. This was not a dramatic turn around, but a long drawn out battle, daily, it was killing me inside, mentally, physic ally and more importantly spiritually. I was SICK in spirit for a long, long time. It finally got to the point were I could stand it no more, either the pot had to go or the Holy Spirit had to go, I could not be a Christian AND still do what I was doing. I decided that I couldn't give up on the Lord, actually it was more the other way around, He had a seed in me and it was ta king root. I prayed and prayed and I recall that I sensed that the Lord was telling me 'slowly, I will take it from you'. For a l ong time I thought my nature was just trying to give me a cop out, but that is exactly how it ended up happening. The c onviction would grow stronger every time I smoked, so I began to smoke less.. "He must increase, I must decrease" appli es here ;-) When you have these types of addictions, you realize the stupidity of it all, but it dosen't matter, the draw is ju st to strong. But as the conviction kept increasing, the inner pain, I could FEEL myself grieving Him, I couldn't stand it an ymore, it was bad enough for me to feel it, but now I felt that I couldn't do this to Him any longer, it was finally over.

Over and over again in scripture we find the strong hand of God's discipline unto repentance. It would be so much easier if we were not a 'stiff necked people', stubborn, self willed, unyielding. But to be cast onto a bed of sickness can be the b est thing that ever happens to us.

2 Cor 7:8,9,10 "For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow l ed to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly s orrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death."

Quote:

-----I just wonder if the Lord is still going to call on me yet again to deliver this same message this Sunday.

I can only imagine your struggle with this as many will not take kindly to such a message as the examples in scripture sh ow. But I find nothing in the words that were given to you that would contradict God's revealed word. You are not unwise in considering whether or not this is to be delivered as we are all susceptible to many shortcomings in our nature. I pray t hat the Lord will give you discernment and if it is to go forth, the courage and unction to do so.

Mike

Re: Prayer Request - posted by Chosen7Stone (), on: 2003/9/5 12:12

PreachingToCannibals:

You really seem to be on the right track now, despite your disobedience. You will DEFINITELY be in our prayers, brothe r...and know that whether you're allowed to stay with the church or not, God's got a purpose for you there. It's a good lesson learned, though the consequences may be hard. We love you, and will pray for you. :-)

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/9/7 15:03

PTC

Thought I would check back with you, see how you are doing. You have been on my heart daily and continue to pray ab out this. Just want to let you know that we are here for you brother.

Mike

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2003/9/7 15:51

Thanks Crsschk. I'm pretty good actually. After a bit of prayer and fasting, and seeking the counsel of others, I am pretty sure as to what I will do. Next sunday I am having a one-on-one bible study with my pastor, and we shall see what happens from that.

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/9/7 15:58

Excellent! Will keep praying....
Mike

Re: Confirmation - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2003/9/7 21:02

Just to let you guys know an update: tonight I went to a church having a series of revival meetings and listened to a powerful message delivered by a lovely lady by the name of Majorery Allen. At the conclusion of her message she spoke in tongues twice and provided the interpretation each time. In one of those interpretations it was almost like the word the Lord gave to me last week. I believe God had me there tonight to confirm the word, in case I be tempted to doubt.

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/9/7 21:09

That made the hair on my arms grow an extra inch!
I think that is the very first time I have heard of anyone speaking in tongues **and** providing an interpretation...and the confirmation...wow.
Will continue to pray.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/9/8 0:27

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Thats a great truth that God will confirm his leading in your heart through other people. Thats great! ;-)

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2003/9/8 21:29

Quote:

I think that is the very first time I have heard of anyone speaking in tongues and providing an interpretation.

Well, the Bible does say that if somebody speaks in tongues, they should pray that they might also interpret. :) I cannot personally recall if that is the first time I've seen it done.

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/9/8 23:18

Precisely!
I guess that's why I was so surprised.
My experience unfortunately has been of the unbiblical kind, in fact it is actually the exact opposite of what is laid out in scripture.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2003/9/9 5:41

I'm probably one of the few pentecostals who has always been around genuine manifestations of tongues in worship services. Though, on a few online voice chat things, I've heard people fake it, or have been around a few folks who have joked saying "the way you speak in tongues is to say 'see my tie tie my tie, who stole my honda' really fast." I've heard numerous false prophecies though, but, it was at a neo-charismatic (Rick Joyner) church... where such is to be expected.

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/9/9 10:58

Not wanting to drift off the main topic of this post, I thought it best to reply in the 'tongues' thread. Don't want to lose what is issue here, your situation, which will be continued to be prayed over.
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Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2003/9/9 21:42

Tonight at school, I was talking to some sisters in the Lord, and I was seeking their counsel on the matter mentioned on this thread, one of them told me that this past sunday, that they preached a message this past Sunday similar to the word I received. Amazing how God confirms things.